

Palic and the other men and women who went missing in the genocide committed against the Bosnian people. To be sure, we must continue to look for Ratko Mladic and other criminals and genocideurs, but we must not forget their victims and their need for closure.

TRIBUTE TO OLLIE JOHNSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a former member of the United States armed services, a civic leader, avid golfer, and devoted husband, father and grandfather, and one of my best friends. Mr. Ollie Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at the age of 73, after an extended battle with cancer. He has left a tremendous legacy, and his contributions deserve recognition.

Ollie was born on July 3, 1936, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Mack and Emma Johnson. He attended area Catholic schools and graduated from St. Peters Academy in Dallas, Texas. At an early age he was baptized and entered into a lifetime affiliation with the Catholic Church. He entered the Air Force in 1954 and served honorably for 21 years. His active duty military service included assignments in England and the Philippines. He served stateside in Arizona, Nebraska and Texas, and was honorably discharged while serving in Charleston, South Carolina.

While on active duty, he matriculated at Thomas Edison College and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education. After his separation from active duty, Ollie continued his education earning a Master of Education degree from Southern Illinois University.

In October 1957, he married Barbara Jackson and they became the proud parents of three children: two sons and one daughter, and were subsequently blessed with four grandchildren.

Ollie and his family moved to Columbia, South Carolina where he began 25 years of service in state government. During his tenure, he was employed at the Commission on Aging and became one of our state's most diligent advocates for aged and served as a delegate to a White House conference on aging.

Ollie believed strongly in civic responsibility, community service, and charitable works. He demonstrated these beliefs daily with his active participation in various civic groups while serving in different capacities: South Carolina Federal Credit Union, Supervisory Committee; Credit Union League, Fort Jackson Golf Club's Advisory Council. He served as President of the State Sertoma Club, and Carolina Sunshine, and was a member of the Board of Directors of Senior Catering and the Elder Care Trust Fund.

Ollie and I were frequent golf partners, and we joined with other golfing buddies to turn our passion for golf into support for various causes. One of them was a tournament known originally as the Palmetto Institute Classic to raise college scholarships for deserving students.

When one of our founding buddies died suddenly of a ruptured aorta at the age of 56,

we renamed the tournament the Rudolph Canzater Memorial Classic in his honor. The Canzater Classic has contributed more than \$600,000 to college students since its inception. This year's Canzater Classic will be held for the 19th time on August 8–9, and Ollie's presence will be sorely missed. A few years ago we started holding a Health Fair in conjunction with the tournament and when it is held next week, we will rename the Health Fair in Ollie Johnson's honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Ollie Johnson for his service to his country and his community. I will forever feel indebted to him and thank Ollie's family for allowing him to share his talents and his gifts with us. Our country and community are better for his service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. ADAM PUTNAM (FL–12)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Operations and Maintenance (Army)

Project Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of South Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 3702 Spectrum Blvd Suite 175, Tampa, Florida 33612–9444

Description of Request: The Center for the Study of International Languages and Cultures (CSILC) is a resource within the University of South Florida that promotes global understanding through integrated programs of language and culture studies in critical world regions. In its first two years of existence, it has garnered \$1.5 million in support of its programs above and beyond previous appropriations.

Current military doctrine provides for preparation of personnel with language competency together with knowledge of the relevant culture and expertise in the given region. At CSILC, USF has been creating a wide variety of integrated language and culture-based lessons designed to fulfill our urgent need to better understand critical world regions.

In 2007, our military commanders in the Gulf region requested that military personnel engaged in sensitive diplomatic work on behalf of the United States be afforded a much higher degree of language training in mid-east language dialects, S.E. Asian languages as well as Chinese and Korean. In an effort to meet this demand, Congress funded a unique project in the State of Florida, headquartered at the University of South Florida, to work in tandem with the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey, California. This project, now in its third year, has grown to include not only continuing distance learning education and training for military personnel who leave DLI

after short intensive training in languages such as Arabic, Farsi (Persian), Dari and Pashto (from Afghanistan), and Urdu (from Pakistan). These programs will allow potential military and civilian personnel to better prepare themselves for assignments in these world regions.

HONORING HARLEY DREW ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN RADIO

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of a remarkable radio personality in my district: Mr. Harley Drew. After serving 50 years in radio, "Handsome Harley Drew" has established himself as a broadcasting icon in Georgia radio, having distinguished himself in every area of radio broadcasting.

At an early age, Harley displayed an aptitude for radio. He was only nine years old when he began to explore electronics and, as a young teen, received his first part-time radio job at WBRO in Waynesboro, Georgia. It was July 1959 when young Harley got his broadcast license; he had been bit by the radio bug.

In 1962, he helped put WFNL on the air in Augusta. Two years later, he landed a job at WBBQ as its program director and stayed with the station for the 25 years. Harley has worn many hats over the years—operations director and later vice president at WBBQ, national program director for the Arrow Communications Group, and general manager at Sunny 105.

For the last 16 years, Harley has been with Beasley Broadcast Group, one of Augusta's largest radio broadcasters, where he is currently program director and host of "Augusta Morning News." Thousands wake up each weekday morning in the Central Savannah River Area to the beloved, baritone voice of "Handsome Harley Drew." For three hours in the mornings, he and his co-host, "The Lovely and Vivacious Mary Liz Nolan", deliver news of current events to their loyal listeners, culminating in "The Morning News Coffee Break." This 30 minute program touches the lives of thousands of people each morning with an uplifting and informative program to start their day.

In May of this year, Harley inspired countless listeners to go to their doctors and undergo tests for heart disease after Harley spent seven weeks recovering from triple-bypass surgery. Harley became aware of his own heart condition when a physician guest on his morning show suggested Harley have a Cardiac Calcium Score. When Harley returned to the airwaves, he did not try to hide his medical history, but instead used the opportunity to bring awareness to this vital issue.

Harley Drew is known far and wide for his honesty and integrity in broadcasting. He is a founding board member of The Georgia Radio Hall Of Fame and also serves on the board of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters. He has received numerous awards and is well-respected and loved for the positive impact he has made on the lives of the people in Augusta and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the great work of Harley Drew and congratulate him on celebrating 50 years of broadcasting excellence.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "PROXY VOTING TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009"

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, this week the House Financial Services Committee is scheduled to markup legislation requiring mandatory "say on pay" shareholder votes on executive compensation packages and corporate golden parachutes. Today, I am introducing legislation that will make sure all investors will be able to hold the institutions that cast these votes accountable for their decisions.

The "say on pay" legislation introduced by House Financial Services Committee Chairman BARNEY FRANK (D-MA), H.R. 3269, gives shareholders an important new tool by requiring annual nonbinding shareholder votes on executive compensation and golden parachutes. This legislation is much needed given the abuses that have come to light during the financial crisis, as numerous CEOs have walked away from failing companies with multi-million dollar paydays.

The "say on pay" votes mandated by H.R. 3269 will be executed through the corporate proxy process where traditionally votes are cast on corporate bylaw changes, director elections, and other matters. Many of these proxy votes are not cast by individual shareholders but rather by institutional investors who own shares on behalf of individuals, such as mutual funds, pension plans and hedge funds. Unfortunately, the only institutional investors currently required to disclose how they vote their proxies, including votes on executive compensation, are mutual funds. Some other institutional investors have voluntarily decided to disclose their proxy votes, but they are not legally required to do so.

The legislation I am introducing today will require mandatory disclosure of all institutional investor proxy votes on "say on pay" issues and all other matters, including the elections of corporate boards. This bill will bring long overdue disclosure to the proxy voting records of hedge funds and other institutional investors.

The need for disclosure of institutional investor proxy votes is a central recommendation of the July 2009 report of the Investors' Working Group (IWG), an independent task force sponsored by the CFA Institute and the Council of Institutional Investors. The IWG task force is chaired by former SEC Chairmen Arthur Levitt, who was appointed SEC Chairman by President Clinton, and William Donaldson Levitt, who was appointed SEC Chairman by President George W. Bush. This bipartisan report recommends that:

Institutional investors—including pension funds, hedge funds and private equity firms—should make timely, public disclosures about their proxy voting guidelines, proxy votes cast, investment guidelines, and members of their governing bodies and report annually on holdings and performance.

The IWG task force is one of many voices calling for disclosure of institutional investor proxy votes. Both the AFL-CIO and the Investment Company Institute support their disclosure:

The AFL-CIO strongly supports increased transparency in proxy voting by all capital market participants . . .

Greater transparency around proxy voting by institutional investors should enhance the quality of the debate concerning how the corporate franchise is used, particularly in the context of "say on pay" proposals, where the public disclosure of advisory votes would maximize their influence over management.

The legislation I am introducing will make sure all investors can monitor corporate proxy votes cast by institutional investors. It accomplishes this by requiring annual disclosure of proxy votes by any entity that is required to file ownership reports pursuant to Sec. 13(f) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Today, Sec. 13(f) filers, who by definition invest more than \$100 million in equity assets, must report their holdings quarterly. My legislation simply requires that once a year these institutions use their 13F forms to disclose their comprehensive proxy voting records.

As Congress works on legislation providing new consumer protections and tougher regulation of Wall Street, I believe we must increase transparency and disclosure throughout the capital markets. This legislation marks an important step in that direction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army, RDTE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Raytheon Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1010 Production Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Description of Request: The Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS) requires an additional \$7.2M in FY10 to develop an updated Joint Ground-Air Component Interface to enhance the responsiveness, accuracy and safety of air support to ground troops. The Joint Fires Interface updates will provide the ground commander with an improved capability to see near real time friendly air picture and capabilities. It will enable ground components to fully integrate and coordinate both surface and air delivered (from USAF, USMC and USN aircraft) conventional and precision munitions options used in support of combat operations. This capability will provide a reliable, complete digital connection between the Army and USMC fires system (AFATDS) and the Air Force Theater Battle Management Core System (TBMCS).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Medical Advanced Technology

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 1252 Memorial Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 for the Center for Ophthalmic Innovation. This funding will be used for the Bascom Palmer Institute at the University of Miami. Bascom Palmer sponsors numerous programs bringing eye care to the underserved of south Florida, a uniquely diverse population of ethnicities and races that presages the future of our nation. Effective treatments and cures for blinding eye trauma and disease are within our grasp. While remarkable advances have been made in recent decades, the remaining problems of eye trauma and eye disease are enormously complex. Nevertheless, the knowledge and technologies are out there in our universities and industry, waiting to be captured by ophthalmology. ONOVA (an acronym for the Center for Ophthalmic Innovation) at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute brings together ideas, people, and cutting-edge technology from diverse backgrounds and venues—across medicine, biotechnology, and biomedical engineering—to develop practical solutions. The objective of this program is to bring the research efforts to the patient and to assemble the required multidisciplinary teams to accomplish this goal in the most efficient manner for rapid implementation. Severe ocular injuries from combat encountered in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan represent a significant and frequent source of lifetime visual disability and is of immediate concern to the DOD. Approximately 10% to 17% of war casualties are due to eye trauma. For instance, in Operation Iraqi Freedom there were 797 ocular injuries between March 2003 and December 2005 resulting in 438 open eye injuries (i.e. ruptured globes). During an 8-month period alone from January to September 2004, 207 active military personnel in Iraq suffered severe ocular or ocular adnexal injuries, including 132 open globes with 82% of all ocular injuries caused by blast fragmentation from munitions and improvised explosive device. In addition, millions of retired military personnel suffer from disabling eye diseases with similar prevalence as the U.S. population. The current appropriation request will enable ONOVA not only to continue its current projects but also to perform new research projects based on the following ONOVA research framework. This scientific framework consists of inter-related modules that tackle the difficult problems of trauma and disabling eye diseases in a logical organized manner. Progress requires integration of state-of-art technology and utilizes interdisciplinary research teams in prevention, imaging & telemedicine, and regeneration & restoration to provide solutions to ocular trauma and disabling eye diseases from different angles. This team approach has and will continue to catalyze innovative ideas and concepts that will lead to the development of novel diagnostic techniques and effective treatment strategies. In the coming year we will we will add the artificial cornea (keratoprosthesis) project that develops and tests new types of cornea prosthesis. Prosthetic corneas have the potential of restoring vision in severe eye injuries involving the front part of the eye. Unlike donor